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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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The Honorable Greg Walden 1210 Longworth Building Washington, DC 20515 FAX – (202) 225-5774

Dear Congressman Walden:

On behalf of Clackamas County, I write today in support of your many efforts to come up with legislation to more effectively manage and preserve Mount Hood.

Clackamas County has been an active participant in the numerous public summits and stakeholder meetings that you convened during the past three years. I applaud your collaborative efforts to develop H.R. 5025, the Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. We are pleased to see the Clackamas County, Hunchback Mountain land exchange included in the legislation. This exchange has the support of local community organizations including the Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mt. Hood Corridor Community Planning Organization.

We are particularly pleased with the open process you have engaged in and urge you and your colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass your legislation out of the Resources Committee and the full House. As this legislation advances we look forward to the opportunity to work with you as this legislation is fine-tuned further and eventually conferenced with the Senate.

Sincerely,

Bill Kennemer, Chair

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

cc: Congressman Blumenauer